FROM HIS HIGHNESSE

The Prince of Wales,

DELIVERED

To the right Honorable the Lord Baron of Inchiquin Lord Preſident of Mounſter, in a Councell of war at Corcke the 28. of November, 1648. By Richard Fanſhaw Eſquire, imployd by his Highneſſe into Ireland.

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A MESSAGE

FROM HIS HIGHNESSE

The Prince of Wales, &c.

HIS Highneſſe gave me Letters of Credence to my *Lord Lieütenant*, Commanding mee to aſſure his Excellencie of his great Affection to, and high eſteeme of him, as the principall Perſon by whom hee ſhall be adviſed in what concernes this Kingdome of *Ireland*, and that his ſaid Highneſſe ſhall upon all occaſions contribute whatſoever is in his power towards the aſſiſting him in the great worke, hee hath now in hand, of ſetling this Kingdome in his Majeſties obedience, with a due care of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Engliſh Intereſt: which I have accordingly done.

He commanded me to give theſe his other Letters of Credence *(here read)* to your Lordſhip my

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Lordship of his good affections to, and confidence
in you, as a Person who hath performed very e-
minent services to the King his Father. Hee com-
manded mee to let your Lordship know that hee
hath a very just sense of the streights you are in,
and of the sad Condition your Army is reduc'd
to, for want of Moneyes and other supplyes, and
that hee will use his utmost endeavours for their
relieſe in such manner as he hopes will shortly
prove effectuall, and to that degree, as not onely
to preserve them from such wants as might en-
force them to submit to dishonorable or [illegible]
thy Conditions, either with *Irish* or *Independents*,
but to enable them to be the happy Instruments
(as his Highnesse is persuaded they are by Divine
Providence reserved to be) for the bringing [illegible]
the one and the other to Termes of Reason, and
for the rescueing of his Majesties and his
Subjects Rights from the usurpation of either.

Upon this occasion his Highnesse commanded
me to enlarge my selfe in severall particulers, to
show a greater probability hereof then may ap-
peare at first sight against the opposition of so ma-
ny visible enemyes; provided his Highnesse may
be so happy as to have entire and faithfull obedi-
ence from this Army in order to those ends. As

First, that this Fleet (which is sending hither
victuall'd for three Moneths and payd for six) is a
much greater then ever was applyed to the service

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for Defence, for Offence, and indeed to make it every way conſiderable both to Friends and Enemyes, though much more potent then it ſelfe, the world hath hardly the like of, in any one Kingdome or dominion. All which Advantages have hitherto lain buried like Gold in Mines, (which likewiſe for ought I know may be found here indeed; Silver here is, and courſer Mettalls in great aboundance) for want of ſuch a Navy Royall to draw them forth, and improve [redacted] perhaps alſo for want of the preſence of an [redacted] amongſt you. Upon which occaſion [redacted] to this Branch, that which, if it had [redacted] abſolutely reſolved upon before I came [redacted] would of it ſelfe alone have beene [redacted] Conſideration whereupon to ground [redacted] of ſucceſſe in your Loyall undertakings; [redacted] that his Highneſſe the *Duke of Yorke* is [redacted] to come along with the Fleete; and I doe verily believe, that the Prince himſelfe will be here likewiſe; either with it, or not long after, his ſtrength peradventure being not yet recovered ſince his Highneſſe late ſickneſſe at the *Hague*; by which meanes you will have the Countenance of perſons borne and form'd for Command, both by Land, and Sea, and growing every day more capable thereof; and together with them you will have the hearts, and perhaps the hands likewiſe, and

[illegible] Preside[illegible] [illegible] re your Lordſhip of his good affections to, and confidence in you, as a Perſon who hath performed very eminent ſervices to the King his Father. Hee commanded mee to let your Lordſhip know that hee hath a very juſt ſenſe of the ſtreights you are in, and of the ſad Condition your Army is reduc'd to, for want of Moneyes and other ſupplyes, and that hee will uſe his utmoſt endeavours for their reliefe in ſuch manner as he hopes will ſhortly prove effectuall, and to that degree, as not onely to preſerve them from ſuch wants as might enforce them to ſubmit to diſhonorable or unw[illegible] thy Conditions, either with *Iriſh* or *Independents*, but to enable them to be the happy Inſtruments (as his Highneſſe is perſuaded they are by Devine Providence reſerved to be) for the bringing both the one and the other to Termes of Reaſon, and for the reſcueing of his Majeſties and his [illegible] Subjects Rights from the uſurpation of either.

Upon this occaſion his Highneſſe commanded me to enlarge my ſelfe in ſeverall perticulers, to ſhow a greater probability hereof then may appeare at firſt ſight againſt the oppoſition of ſo many viſible enemyes; provided his Highneſſe may be ſo happy as to have entire and faithfull obedience from this Army in order to thoſe ends. As

Firſt, that this Fleet (which is ſending hither victuall'd for three Moneths and payd for ſix) is a much greater then ever was applyed to the ſervice

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of this Kingdome, the opportunity of the Ports whereof (perticulerly in this Province) for Trade, for Defence, for Offence, and indeed to make it every way conſiderable both to Friends and Enemyes, though much more potent then it ſelfe, the world hath hardly the like of, in any one Kingdome or dominion. All which Advantages have hitherto lane buried like Gold in Mines, (which likewiſe for ought I know may be-found here indeed: Silver here is, and courſer Mettalls in great aboundance) for want of ſuch a Navy Royall to draw them forth, and improve [illegible] perhaps alſo for want of the preſence of an [illegible]rince amongſt you. Upon which occaſion [illegible]dde to this Branch, that which, if it had [illegible]bſolutely reſolved upon before I came [illegible]*olland*, would of it ſelfe alone have beene [illegible]eſt Conſideration whereupon to ground [illegible] of ſucceſſe in your Loyall undertakings; which is, that his Highneſſe the *Duke of Yorke* is certainly to come along with the Fleete; and I doe verily believe, that the Prince himſelfe will be here likewiſe; either with it, or not long after, his ſtrength peradventure being not yet recovered ſince his Highneſſe late ſickneſſe at the *Hague*; by which meanes you will have the Countenance of perſons borne and form'd for Command, both by Land, and Sea, and growing every day more capable thereof; and together with them you will have the hearts, and perhaps the hands likewiſe,

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and purſes, of many thouſands of people; who will be more enflamed, & more readily engage in his Majeſties cauſe, when they ſhall ſee it coupled with the perſonall defence of his Royall Offſpring, ſo hopefull and ſo innocent Princes. Which will carry a double benefit along with it; firſt, here will be a Sanctuary for ſo many honeſt men, with ſo much of their Eſtates as they can ſave out of the hands of thoſe that oppreſſe them; and then in the ſecond place, the addition of theſe perſons, and their ſtocks will be ſo many more helpes to defend and improve a Kingdome ſo capable of improvement and defence as this

Severall good Ports there are elſewhere maining in his Majeſties Obedience, and portunely ſituate to aſſiſt you, and offe enemies as if they had been placed there poſe to toſſe the ball from hand to hand God will ſend more. For

The ſecond Conſideration which his Highneſſe commanded mee to ground a hope upon of your ſucceſſe in ſo pious an undertaking, is, That by the providence of God the Affections of his Majeſties people of *England* are in the view of all the world more deepely rooted in them towards his Maieſtie, at this very time, then ever; and this his Highneſſe is well aſſured you will ere long ſee ſome effects of, if the Treaty in the Iſle of *wight* ſucceed not; for then the paint of the *Independent* deſignes will be waſht off, and the beauty of

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[illegible] ther Colours.

A [illegible] Consideration thereupon to ground a hope of your successe (you will thinke that strange) is from the very successe of the *Independent* Army in what they undertooke. His Highnesse (as young as he is) hath seene enough of the world to know that the nature of Man (impatient, either of hot, or cold fitts) is too apt, either in great prosperitie, or in great adversitie, to thinke there can never be a period of the one, or the other; Whereas in truth *Hee* who alone is *[illegible]*, and *who spurnes downe the loftie, and [illegible] those that are low*, hath placed the greatest [illegible] of all upon those Pinacles and ex[illegible] of Fortune. But this is not the thing. Be[illegible] you cannot certainly foresee the end of [illegible] His Highnesse desires you to looke [illegible] their Beginning, what they attempted, [illegible] achieved, with an Army not very much [illegible] nor at that time any whit more victorious then yours, and despised (as much as any bodyes folly can doe yours) by the Contrary partie, which consisted of almost all the visible power & acknowledged authority of the three Kingdomes; both by land and sea; themselves in the meane time having no shipping, no Treasure, no Prince, or great Men in the head of them, & few friends. They entred by force of Armes the City of *London* (whose wealth principally had maintained them

and purſes, of many thouſands of people, who will be more enflamed, & more readily engage in his Majeſties cauſe, when they ſhall ſee it coupled with the perſonall defence of his Royall Off-ſpring, ſo hopefull and ſo innocent Princes. Which will carry a double benefit along with it; firſt, here will be a Sanctuary for ſo many honeſt men, with ſo much of their Eſtates as they can ſave out of the hands of thoſe that oppreſſe them; and then in the ſecond place, the addition of theſe perſons, and their ſtocks will be ſo many more helpes to defend and improve a Kingdome ſo capable of improvement and defence as this

Severall good Ports there are elſewhere [illegible] maining in his Majeſties Obedience, and [illegible] portunely ſituate to aſſiſt you, and offer [illegible] enemies as if they had been placed there [illegible] poſe to toſſe the ball from hand to hand [illegible] God will ſend more. For

The ſecond Conſideration which his Highneſſe commanded mee to ground a hope upon of your ſucceſſe in ſo pious an undertaking, is, That by the providence of God the Affections of his Majeſties people of *England* are in the view of all the world more deepely rooted in them towards his Maieſtie, at this very time, then ever; and this his Highneſſe is well aſſured you will ere long ſee ſome effects of, if the Treaty in the Iſle of *wight* ſucceed not; for then the paint of the *Independent* deſignes will be waſht off, and the beauty of his

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A third Conſideration hereupon to ground a hope of your ſucceſſe (you will thinke that ſtrange) is from the very ſucceſſe of the *Independent* Army in what they undertooke. His Highneſſe (as young as he is) hath ſeene enough of the world to know that the nature of Man (impatient, either of hot, or cold fitts) is too apt, either in great proſperitie, or in great adverſitie, to thinke there can never be a period of the one, or the other; Whereas in truth *Hee* who alone is *everlaſting*, and *who ſpurnes downe the loftie, and raiſes up thoſe that are low*, hath placed the greateſt part of all upon thoſe Pinacles and extremities of Fortune. But this is not the thing. Before you cannot certainly foreſee the end of Men, his Highneſſe deſires you to looke upon their Beginning, what they attempted, and atchieved, with an Army not very much ſuperior, nor at that time any whit more victorious then yours, and deſpiſed (as much as any bodyes folly can doe yours) by the Contrary partie, which conſiſted of almoſt all the viſible power & acknowledged authority of the three Kingdomes; both by land and ſea; themſelves in the meane time having no ſhipping, no Treaſure, no Prince, or great Men in the head of them, & few friends. They entred by force of Armes the City of *London* (whoſe wealth principally had maintained them

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ved, and they overthrew the Armies, and Decrees
of the *Parliament of Scotland*, with which they ha
solemnly Covenanted; besides other remarkable
successes. Whence all this? Or to what cause (be-
sides a tough resolution, which you know how to
put on as well as they) may we impute so gre
effects? you will find these *Men of warre*, were
their Arts Masters, who to make their Approaches
as securd as unsuspected, hung out the Kings
Colours, casting forth many halfe words, and
doing as many actions with two handles, to [illegible]
the world (which was prone to believe wh[illegible]
wisht) swallow an opinion, that they marcht
and strengthened themselves, with a purpo[illegible]
worke the freedome, and restauration of his
iestie, who was then in an eclypse at *Hol*[illegible]
with other specious matters, whereby they
veigled the people, some to be Newters, some to
be Assistants, all generally to be well-wishers to
them. Thus, and in this disguise, like *Jacob*, *They
came with subtilty and tooke away their elder Bro-
thers blessing*, whose intentions were cleerer then
theirs; And this it was which gave them their first
Rise. But *hath our Father but one Blessing? can hee
not blesse Vs, even Vs also?* They have had their
Time; and may yet (if it please them to sound
a Retreate) rise great Gainers. But in case no rea-
son

[illegible] your turne be
come [illegible] though but ſoftly
and hollowly ſpoken, was ſuch a charme upon
the people, and proved ſo auſpicious and uſefull
to the Independents for the accompliſhment of
their vaſt deſignes (this now is that which his
Highneſſe commanded me to inculcate to you)
why ſhould not you, with the helpes I have men-
tioned, and backt with all the Authority which a
Free King and Parliament could give, be as able to
compaſſe your honeſt and moderate ends, being
the ſame in reality which they but pretended?

His Highneſſe is verily perſwaded in his mind,
that you are the Men in whoſe power it is (though
you had no helpers) to pull that Independent
Faction from the height of their deſignes, only by
your Union and combination among *your ſelves*,
and ſtrong expoſtulation with *them*, according to
your own way with the Parliament, (your ſwords
in your hands) what in the Name of God they
intend to doe, with our Proteſtant *Religion*, our
good *King*, our wholeſome *Lawes*, and poore
Country, in ſuch manner, as that they may plainly
perceive you have ſet your hearts, and reſts, upon
the righting of them all, ſo as never to ſheathe
thoſe ſwords till you ſee it done. Not long after
which his Highneſſe doubts not, but that, upon
cooler blood they will renew and conclude the
Treaty of Peace with his Maieſtie, how ſcornfully
ſoever they may reiect it at this time, you be-
ing under God the happy Authours of it, and in-
cluding therein your owne Arreares, and whatſo-

They diſmembred [illegible] Parliament of *England*, under whose Commiſſion they ſerved; and they overthrew the Armies, and Decrees of the *Parliament of Scotland*, with which they had ſolemnly Covenanted; beſides other remarkable ſucceſſes. Whence all this? Or to what cauſe (beſides a tough reſolution, which you know how to put on as well as they) may we impute ſo great effects? you will find theſe *Men of Warre*, were their Arts Maſters, who to make their Approaches as ſecurd as unſuſpected, hung out the Kings Colours, caſting forth many halfe words, and doing as many actions with two handles, to make the world (which was prone to believe what it wiſht) ſwallow an opinion, that they marcht and ſtrengthened themſelves, with a purpoſe worke the freedome, and reſtauration of his Maieſtie, who was then in an eclypſe at *Holdenby*, with other ſpecious matters, whereby they veigled the people, ſome to be Newters, ſome to be Aſſiſtants, all generally to be well-wiſhers to them. Thus, and in this diſguiſe, like *Jacob*, *They came with ſubtilty and tooke away their elder Brothers bleſſing*, whoſe intentions were cleerer then theirs; And this it was which gave them their firſt Riſe. But *hath our Father but one Bleſſing? can hee not bleſſe Vs, even Vs alſo?* They have had their Time; and may yet (if it pleaſe them to ſound a Retreate) riſe great Gainers. But in caſe no reaſon

ſon w[illegible] ot your turne be come? [illegible] *Maieſt*[illegible] hough but ſoftly and hollowly ſpoken, was ſuch a charme upon the people, and proved ſo auſpicious and uſefull to the Independents for the accompliſhment of their vaſt deſignes (this now is that which his Highneſſe commanded me to inculcate to you) why ſhould not you, with the helpes I have mentioned, and backt with all the Authority which a free King and Parliament could give, be as able to compaſſe your honeſt and moderate ends, being the ſame in reality which they but pretended?

His Highneſſe is verily perſwaded in his mind, [illegible] You are the Men in whoſe power it is (though [illegible] no helpers) to pull that Independent [illegible] from the height of their deſignes, only by [illegible] and combination among *your ſelves*, [illegible] expoſtulation with *them*, according to [illegible] own way with the Parliament, (your ſwords [illegible] our hands) what in the Name of God they intend to doe, with our Proteſtant *Religion*, our good *King*, our wholeſome *Lawes*, and poore *Countrey*, in ſuch manner, as that they may plainly perceive you have ſet your hearts, and reſts, upon the righting of them all, ſo as never to ſheathe thoſe ſwords till you ſee it done. Not long after which his Highneſſe doubts not, but that, upon cooler blood they will renew and conclude the Treaty of Peace with his Maieſtie, how ſcornfully ſoever they may reiect it at this time, you being under God the happy Authours of it, and including therein your owne Arreares, and whatſo-

[illegible] this Army & Country [illegible]
of *Mounster*, as *They* may call him, (pere[illegible]
prophetically in respect of that additional [illegible]
which he may hereby acquire to himselfe and [illegible]
Heires of *England* for ever) shall recover [illegible]
hence, by your valour and Fidelitie, *the Cro*[illegible]
England? Why not, aswell as the *King of D*[illegible]
(so tearmed *in derision*, but afterward [illegible]
earnest, *Henry the Great*) did from [illegible]
Towne alone, wherein likewise hee w[illegible]
recover *the Crowne of France*? His [illegible]
son, and Youth, promise no lesse [illegible]
if these things run in a blood, he[illegible]
Grandchild (the thing was no long[illegible]
you should but stand here as meere[illegible]
a few months of the issue of things [illegible]
whether those enemies (in the min[illegible]
ther through mislead opinions, or [illegible]
invincible, because guilty, apprehensions) of an
ancient and Glorious Monarchy, can as easily a-
gree, & find the way, to *build up*, as they have done
to *pull downe*; His Highnesse thinks that this alone
would goe neere to produce the same effect; And
that you will soone be courted, not underhand,
but in an open and honorable way by the best,
& also by the prowdest there, when they shall
find a necessity of the ancient Government of
England, if they have any Bowells towards their
Countrey; and although they should have none,
yet when they shall see that after they shall have
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[redacted] This (I say) provided there be that firme [redacted] nd harmony among your ſelves which is [redacted] mended. For in this Caſe (as in your Bat- [redacted] & Skirmiſhes) it matters not whether *you*, or [redacted] *valent party in England*, are the *greater*, or [redacted] *nger*; but which of the *two* is like to *route* [redacted] now you have *the Sunne*, and *the wind*, [redacted] de; I meane, *THE PRINCE* to [redacted] *their* Faces; and *THE LAW* to rally [redacted] Adde; That, if you can hold your hands [redacted] diſturbing of them, in *England*, which they [redacted] afraid of; whilſt they are buſy in di- [redacted] ſpoile, you ſhall never need to feare [redacted] ing of you here; for in caſe they [redacted] it, will the Princes Fleet (thinke [redacted] me nothing the while? and then, whom will [redacted] leave behind to guard their *priſoners*? Be- [redacted] e it they are a very vaſt number; His Highneſſe conceives *the whole People of England* in their pre- ſent thraldome underſtand themſelves to be ſuch.

Some of theſe perticulers were not fully ripe as yet for publike knowledge, I having had commiſ- ſion to ſpeake them only to my *Lord Lieutenant*, and Your Lordſhip; but herein I obey Your Lord- ſhips Command, not doubting of my Maſters ap- probation thereof, the rather, becauſe it is ſuitable to that gracious diſpoſition which I have alwayes obſerved in his Highneſſe, that, *the prevalent Partie in England* (which thinks to roule the

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ever other [illegible] they [illegible] applause and thank [illegible] will [illegible] be then for this Army & Countrey, if the *Prince of Mounster*, as *They* may call him, (perchance prophetically in respect of that additionall Title which he may hereby acquire to himselfe and the Heires of *England* for ever) shall recover from hence, by your valour and Fidelitie, *the Crowne of England?* Why not, aswell as the *King of Deip* (so tearmed *in derision*, but afterward, *in good earnest*, *Henry the Great*) did from that [illegible] Towne alone, wherein likewise hee was besieged, recover *the Crowne of France?* His *Highnesse* Person, and Youth, promise no lesse then his; [illegible] if these things run in a blood, hee is his [illegible] Grandchild (the thing was no longer agree [illegible] you should but stand here as meere [illegible] a few months of the issue of things [illegible] whether those enemies (in the minds they [illegible] ther through mislead opinions, or, for the pre[illegible] invincible, because guilty, apprehensions) of an ancient and Glorious Monarchy, can as easily agree, & find the way, to *build up*, as they have done to *pull downe*; His Highnesse thinks that this alone would goe neere to produce the same effect; And that you will soone be courted, not underhand, but in an open and honorable way by the best, & also by the prowdest there, when they shall find a necessity of the ancient Government of *England*, if they have any Bowells towards their Countrey; and although they should have none, yet when they shall see that after they shall have

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[illegible] the People (*their* [illegible] man, [illegible] ements, they shall [illegible] *dispute in a Circle*, & must come to *that* againe at last. This (I say) provided there be that firme unity and harmony among your selves which is recommended. For in this Case (as in your Battailes & Skirmishes) it matters not whether *you*, or *the prevalent party in England*, are the *greater*, or the *stronger*; but which of the *two* is like to *route* first; now you have *the Sunne*, and *the wind*, on your side; I meane, *THE PRINCE* to rise in *their* Faces; and *THE LAW* to rally you. Adde; That, if you can hold your hands fr[illegible] disturbing of them, in *England*, which they [illegible]e affraid of, whilst they are busy in di[illegible] spoile, you shall never need to feare [illegible]ling of you here; for in case they [illegible]t it, will the Princes Fleet (thinke [illegible]oe nothing the while? and then, whom will [illegible] leave behind to guard their *Prisoners*? Believe it, they are a very vast number; His Highnesse conceives *the whole People of England* in their present thraldome understand themselves to be such.

Some of these perticulers were not fully ripe as yet for publike knowledge, I having had commission to speake them only to my *Lord Lieutenant*, and Your Lordship; but herein I obey Your Lordships Command, not doubting of my Masters approbation thereof, the rather, because it is suitable to that gracious disposition which I have alwayes observed in his Highnesse, that, *the prevalent Partie in England* (which thinks to roule the

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well as *his Friends*
They, as well as *You*, should see, and know, that
Lawes with Charitie are the onely Bond of Peace; &
that *the King* (the common Father of his People,
& his *Lawes*) is *the only possible Ciment of the three
Kingdomes*, so happily united *in his Person*. That
therefore *They* (whatever they may be apt to
flatter themselves) can never have any *Peace* in
their *Habitations*, no more then *that* of *a good
Conscience*, or the Blessing of *God*, or *the People*,
untill they shall conclude *a well-grounded Peace*
with *his Maiestie*. But that, two hopefull and in-
ur'd *Princes*, a strong and resolv'd *Fleet*, [illegible]
rall well-placed & fortified *Islands*, and a fa[illegible]
and courageous *Army*, (I summe up on[illegible]
in the hand, his Highnesse reckoning [illegible]
upon what is *in the Bush*, from *Him*[illegible]
Moses out of it; for *Truth is great*, *and* [illegible]
Dayle.) that all these, I say, will be perpetuall
on their skirts, will be as so many continuall
goades in their sides, till they come to honorable
Conditions with *his Maiestie*. Which if his High-
nesse shall be driven to contend for to this extre-
mitie, and that it shall please *God*, through your
assistance, to give him Victory in that unhappy,
yet necessary contention; He assures you, *in the
word of a Prince*, hee will make no other use
thereof, then what *his Maiestie* hath alwayes pub-
lisht to be his intentions; and *You* also to be the
ends of your Armes, being specified in *your owne
Declaration*.

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